

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of application 09/781,255. That application was allowed on December 16, 2004. The Issue and Publication fees were not paid.

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 25, and 32-38 being independent. Claims 33-38 have been added.

Claims 1-32 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed December 16, 2004. They have not been amended herein. Accordingly, Applicant submits that those claims remain in condition for allowance.

Newly added Claims 33-38 mirror Claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 25, and 32, respectively, except that the newly added claims do not include a display means, step, or program code for performing a display step, as recited in the previously allowed claims. In view of the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance of Claims 1-32, Applicant submits that the newly added claims are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

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